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right. I am not unaware of the convention or the rule that when the report comes before the House, the members who are parties to it have got certain limitations that they have agreed to the matter is embodied in the Report; therefore they will not be permitted to have their say;. That is not the proper position. Now does that apply so far as the Minister is concerned? I have tried my best to find out.

In fact, the House is aware that the Government moves amendments at all stages and amendments can be moved at any time by the member or the Minister or the Member in charge. But a time limit is placed for the purpose of enabling other members to know what the amendments are. Otherwise if at the last moment amendments are moved, the work will not be smooth. That is why in the rules of Procedure it is said that it must be given in writing and it must also be given sufficiently early so that it may be circulated to all the members. Circulation is done if there is time; but circulation is not a necessary condition to enable an amendment to be considered by the House. So far as the Government is concerned, it is the Government that has to accept or oppose the amendment. Therefore, Government is the body concerned with the responsibility of seeing the Bill through, brought as a Government measure, and administering it. There are a multitude of instances in this House as well as in the other House where a Minister in charge has been permitted to move an amendment and it has been dealt with by the House, accepted or rejected as the case may be. I am not concerned with the result of voting on an amendment. If members give notice at a late stage the rule or convention is that the Minister in charge should be asked. If he agrees, the Speaker does not generally stand in the way. Therefore, the position of the Government or the Minister in charge is peculiar. And it has always been held that the amendments that are moved by the Government and the Minister in charge should be permitted and amendment is an amendment, whether it is a major or minor amendment; right to move an amendment is a matter by itself. Therefore, regarding the point raised by Sri Muckannappa I hold that the Minister in charge of the Bill was perfectly entitled and that is why it was permitted.

BUSINESS TRANSACTED DURING THE SESSION.

MR. SPEAKER.—Now there are one or two other matters which I would like to mention. The House would very naturally like to know what exactly we have been able to do in these sessions. The work that has been done is as follows.

Statistical Statement of Starred, Unstarred, Short Notice Questions, Resolutions, Adjournment Motion, etc., for the FIRST SESSION and ADJOURNED MEETINGS AS ON 2ND JANUARY 1964.

	Budget Session, 1963 From 19-2-63 to 11-4-63	FIRST Adjourned Meetings from 2-9-63 to 12-10-63	SECOND Adjourned Meetings From 2-12-63 to 31-12-63	Total
	1	2	3	4
Starred Questions :				
Number of Questions admitted and sent to Government ...	724	406	247	1377
Number of Questions for which replies have been received	685	306	40	1031
Number of Questions for which replies are due ...	39	100	93	232
Number of Questions answered on the floor of the House ...	410	360	249	1019
	(274 replies pertains to B. S. 63)			
	(220 replies pertains to Adjourned Meetings)			
Unstarred Questions :				
Number of questions admitted and sent to Government ...	248	81	53	382
Number of questions for which replies have been received	185	53	3	241
Number of questions for which replies are due ...	83	28	50	141
Number of replies laid on the table of the House ...	62	95	84	241
	(pertains to Budget Session, 1963) (Pertains to B. S. and Adjourned Meetings)			
Short Notice Questions :				
Number of Questions Tabled...	26	27	13	66
Number of Questions admitted	6	7	1	14
Number of Questions answered	6	5	...	11

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	1	2	3	4
Half-an-hour Discussions :				
Number given notice of ...	3	11	3	17
Number admitted ...	Nil	6	1	7
Number disposed of ...	...	6	...	6
Adjournment Motions :				
Number given notice of ...	7	4	7	18
Number admitted ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	...
Motions under Rule 59 :				
Number received ...	Nil	7	3	10
Number admitted ...	...	Nil	1	1
Number disposed of ...	...	...	1	1
Calling attention Notices (Under Rule 63) :				
Number Tabled ...	14	19	12	45
Number admitted ...	3	12	5	18
Number disposed of ...	3	10	3	16
Resolutions :				
Number Tabled ...	68	84	34	186
Number admitted ...	68	72	25	175
Number of Resolutions moved, discussed and withdrawn. ...	...	2	...	2
(Resolutions pertains to B.S. 63)				
Number of Resolutions moved, discussed and negatived. ...	...	1	...	1
Resolutions moved and dis- cussion inconclusive. ...	...	...	1	1
(Resolution pertaining to adjour- ned meetings)				